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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

3 August, 2021

Re: Supporting Application for Special Temporary Authority at Guam Ground Station

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Planet Labs, Inc. (“Planet”) respectfully submits this letter of support on behalf of ATLAS Space Operations (“ATLAS”) application for Special Temporary Authority (File Number SES-STA-20210802-01312) at their Guam Ground Station, Call Sign E190037.

After Planet’s successful launch, orbit raising and commissioning of the SkySat 16-18 and 19-21 satellites,¹ additional mid-latitude ground station capacity is pressingly required to enable rapid tasking and imagery acquisition for Planet's global customer base. The Guam ground station is uniquely positioned to provide coverage in the Oceania region and is a critical addition to Planet's ground station infrastructure. The Commission’s grant of this Special Temporary Authority will serve the public interest by enhancing Planet’s ability to innovate, enhance competition, and expand U.S. capabilities in the market for commercial remote sensing data.

Please direct any questions you may have regarding this filing to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Call Sign S2912, [SAT-MOD-20200615-00076](#) (Granted March 18, 2021).